

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
3:09CV276-1-W  
3:05CR97

DEJUAN WALKER, )  
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Petitioner, )  
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v. )  
)  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Respondent. )  
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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before this Court upon a petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The government has filed an Answer<sup>1</sup> conceding the merits of Petitioner's career offender claim and opposing Petitioner's remaining claims. It appears that the government may be entitled to summary judgment as a matter of law on the remaining claims.

The Petitioner is advised that under the provisions of Rule 56(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, he is required to submit documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury, in opposition to the Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents filed by the government. Rule 56(e) reads in pertinent part as follows:

When a motion for summary judgment is made and supported [by  
affidavits], an adverse party may not rest upon the mere allegations  
or denials of his pleadings, but his response, by affidavits or as

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<sup>1</sup> To the extent Respondent's Answer opposes Petitioner's remaining claims and requests that they be dismissed, this Court will construe the Answer as a Motion for Summary Judgment.

otherwise provided by this rule, must set forth specific facts showing that there is genuine issue for trial. If he does not respond, summary judgment, if appropriate, shall be entered against him.

This rule requires that if the Petitioner has any evidence to offer to counter the evidence contained in the Motion for Summary Judgment and supporting documents filed by the government, he must present it to the Court in the form of documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury. An affidavit is a written statement made under oath; that is, a statement prepared in writing by the Petitioner and sworn before a Notary Public. If the Petitioner chooses, he may instead submit an unsworn declaration and state the following with the date and his signature:

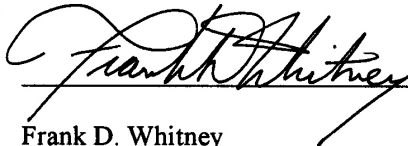
"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

**PETITIONER WALKER READ THIS:**

The Petitioner is further hereby advised that he has thirty (30) days from the filing of this Order in which to file documents, affidavits, or unsworn declarations in opposition to the government's Motion for Summary Judgment. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD MAY SUBJECT HIS REMAINING CLAIMS TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT.**

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Petitioner has thirty(30) days from the filing of this Order in which to provide his own documents, affidavits, or declarations countering the evidence offered by the Government's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Signed: March 25, 2010

  
Frank D. Whitney  
United States District Judge

